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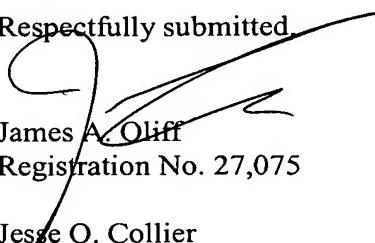
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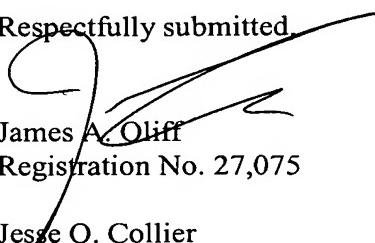
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- 3. An English language Abstract of the non-English language reference 1 is attached hereto.
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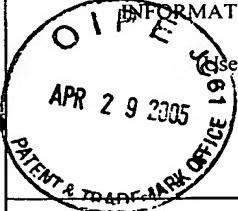

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